

Keeping Our Navy Supplied Big Job

Shipping, Handling, Storage Are Great Problems.

WASHINGTON.—The man who sees to it that the navy has what it needs to make war in the Pacific is a tough job because when Adm. William F. Halsey goes into action he throws everything he's got at the enemy including the kitchen stove and then he goes into the kitchen, gets the stove lids and throws them, too.

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CIRCLE MEETING

The McLean Circle will meet Thursday night, May 13th in the home of Mrs. Myra Jennings. Mrs. Verna Abbott will have charge of the program.

Passenger Shows Bus Driver 'the Way Home'

DETROIT.—Wartime transportation here has its problems. "Hey, Mister," sang out a city bus driver to his last passenger, "how do I get this bus back to the garage?"

The transportation system, in view of the manpower shortage, has been hard up for help.

The passenger instructed the driver to go to this and so, and apparently he did it.

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Bugaboo of Soil Acidity Dispelled

Acid Condition May Even Be Beneficial

Soil acidity is a "bugaboo" that farmers for years have been unnecessarily fighting, according to Dr. W. A. Albrecht, chairman of the soils department of the University of Missouri.

As a matter of fact, acidity may actually be beneficial instead of harmful if proper soil conservation measures are used.

"It is not the acidity in soils that is injurious," Albrecht explained, "but the shortage of nutrients that are replaced by acidity. Given proper fertility, plants will turn in their customary or usual performance even in the presence of soil acidity. This acid condition is merely a case of increased shortage of plant food and nutrients for which crops suffer."

Dr. Albrecht cited experiments with soybeans in which increased soil acidity made both calcium and phosphorus actually more effective than in more neutral soil, improved the feeding value of forage and kept the sand element lower.

"Our experiments indicate that it is no longer necessary to fight soil acidity," he declared. "On the contrary, acidity is beneficial if lime or calcium, phosphorus, potash and other plant foods are utilized to replace the fertility and if soils are helped to maintain their needed stores of organic matter by means of soil crops or corresponding recuperative rest periods."

We can now say that "acid tolerant" legumes have been discovered. But they tolerate acidity only when their fertility has been properly supplied in balanced amounts."

In this connection it was pointed out that the three vital plant foods on which crops depend most are: 1—nitrogen, which encourages early and abundant growth, builds protein and develops the fleshy portion of roots; 2—phosphorus, which hastens the ripening of seed and promotes early maturity; and 3—potash, which is the balance wheel, enabling a crop to make better use of the other plant foods and develop resistance to disease and maintain an improved quality.

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Observed Mother's Day

The following gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day. Mrs. W. F. Ferguson and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Joel Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin and son, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Day and son, Col. Albert Martin, of Camp Polk, La., Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ferguson, and son, Miss Margaret Almond, Mrs. James Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Martin and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Wooten and daughter, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Evans Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McFadden.

Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. Wm. R. Reed, Pastor

On next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, the pastor will preach on "No More Sins," and at eight o'clock P. M. on "When a Child Confesses the World." This will be the participation of our church in the observance of National Home Week.

Church School at 9:45 A. M.

and Youth Fellowship at 7:15 P. M. "The highest welfare of a nation rests in the spiritual strength of its homes," President Garfield.

COLORED DOTS

Rev. Jordan preached a fine sermon for Mother's Day Sunday at the First Baptist Church. The church was decorated with beautiful white flowers.

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Mrs. Jessie Stevens and granddaughter have returned home after spending some time in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New Jersey.

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Nelson Garrett, of the Navy, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrett.

Flying Brothers Circle

Earth; Meet in Australia

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA—Lieut. Claude and Max Barclay, flying brothers from Pontiac, Ill., circled the earth to meet in Australia. Both left Langley Field last year. Max flew his bomber across the Pacific, while Claude went via South America and Africa. They met in a small Australian town. Both have been decorated for their feat. Each has a record of successful bombing missions.

Plenty of Coffee—

If You're in Egypt

WASHINGTON.—American soldiers sent to Egypt will find it is perfectly proper to "zoom" their coffee. And in other Egypt or Iran, to avoid offending their hosts, they should drink three cups, 2—strong, which hastens the ripening of seed and promotes early maturity; and 3—potash, which is the balance wheel, enabling a crop to make better use of the other plant foods and develop resistance to disease and maintain an improved quality.

WRECKAGE OF AXIS SHIPPING

This scene is characteristic of the ports of North Africa where shipping has been destroyed by the Allied attack. Bombs in the foreground are all that remain of store buildings which held supplies for Rommel's army.

PETER B. FEEVE

(WNU Service)

Aggricultural Notes

Safety First now means better farm production and full participation in war activities. A first aid kit or cabinet might well be placed in every kitchen.

Building supports, such as foundation and piers, must be maintained.

Wood will should be kept off the ground by masonry supports.

Stonewall

Stonewall, May 12.—Mrs. John Smith has returned to Boise, Idaho, after a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Mrs. Elkin Hamilton, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hamilton Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Beard, of Appomattox spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Mrs. T. C. Stratton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burdette.

Mrs. John D. Ripley has returned to Texas after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Miss Louise Carson and Rachel Chick of Lynchburg spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mrs. Johnnie Harrison spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Lily B. Davidson, at Madison College.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Burdette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mrs. Bernard Gibson.

Mrs. A. A. Babcock and children, of Appomattox spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. L. Scruggs.

Miss Bernice Gibson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mrs. Bernard Gibson.

If every man, woman and child in the United States lays aside \$10 the aggregate will be about \$15,000,000,000 or the amount the Treasury must raise in its Second War Loan.

News about

Appomattox Men In The Service

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